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## 'Women's Day' offers career options

**Judy L. Sierra**  
Managing Editor

Are you ready to make a change in your life, but don't know where to start?

On Jan. 31, LCC is the site for a get-together geared toward women, offering the opportunity to explore new work and career options.

"Women's Day at Lane" will offer workshops on career planning resources, how to get started at Lane, technical careers for women, and introduction to computers.

After a free lunch, a career-planning program fair

will be held. A hands-on tour of sample trades and technical careers is offered.

"This is targeted for women thinking about attending LCC, or those ready for a change," says Jill Bradley, Women's Center coordinator.

"This is our ninth Women's Day and we usually have at least 300 people attend."

Men are welcome and childcare will be provided for children no longer in diapers.

**Women's Day at LCC in 1997 attracted approximately 300 people. This year's event is scheduled for Jan. 31.**



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## Roe vs. Wade: 25 Years Later Personal stories give life to Supreme Court decision

Two women talk about  
choices they made when  
faced with pregnancy

**Judy L. Sierra**  
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"Jenny," now 40, was a single college student when she had a brief encounter with a man and got pregnant.

"When I found out, I was frightened and embarrassed. I didn't want anyone to know — especially my mom and family," she says.

Jenny, who asked that her real name not be used for this story, confided in a friend who took her to Planned Parenthood for help. The experience left a lasting impression on the confused 20-year old.

"No one talked to me about adoption or other alternatives. They just told me how easy an abortion would be, and they took me through the whole process. 'I didn't let myself feel emotionally attached to the baby. I kept telling myself, 'this is just a medical procedure.'"

"They sent me a questionnaire a couple weeks later, to see if I'd had side effects

or any problems. I filled it out, put it in my dresser drawer, and forgot about it.

"My mother found it. She just shook it at me with tears streaming down her face asking, 'Why? Why?'"

Jenny says she didn't talk about it with her mother for years. After college she got married and had a child.

"It wasn't until after my second miscarriage that I totally broke down and felt God was punishing me by not letting me have another baby. I cried to my Mom and she just hugged me and said, 'It's okay, honey, it's really alright.'"

Jenny had a second child and says she now has a wonderful life with her husband and children, but doesn't know how to let go of the past.

"The hardest part is that I still can't forgive myself. It's been 20 years and I can't forgive myself yet. It's a horrible thing for a woman to live with for the rest of her life. No matter how tough she thinks she is, it is a horrible thing.

"When you have a loved-one who dies, you can mourn out loud," she adds in a soft, bewildered voice. "But when you

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## White House scandal doesn't affect focus of intern program

**Jack Clifford**  
Editor

President Clinton delivered his State of the Union address to the nation Jan. 27, but the issue of possible sexual harassment involving former White House student intern Monica Lewinsky continued to capture headlines.

While those two parties surrealistically danced in the national spotlight, LCC instructors and staff defended the school's internship program, declaring it safe for students.

Through its Cooperative Education program, LCC places about 500 interns per term, according to information furnished by the department. But, there are no guidelines or handouts specific to sexual harassment given to the interns, staff members admit.

Steve Candee, political science instructor and Cooperative Education coordinator for the department, says he sees little reason to change the current policy. Candee discusses potential problems with students during his orientation.

"It's not that I haven't had questions over the years come up, however," he says.

In one case Candee recalls, nothing



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**Clinton in 1992 at Eugene airport**

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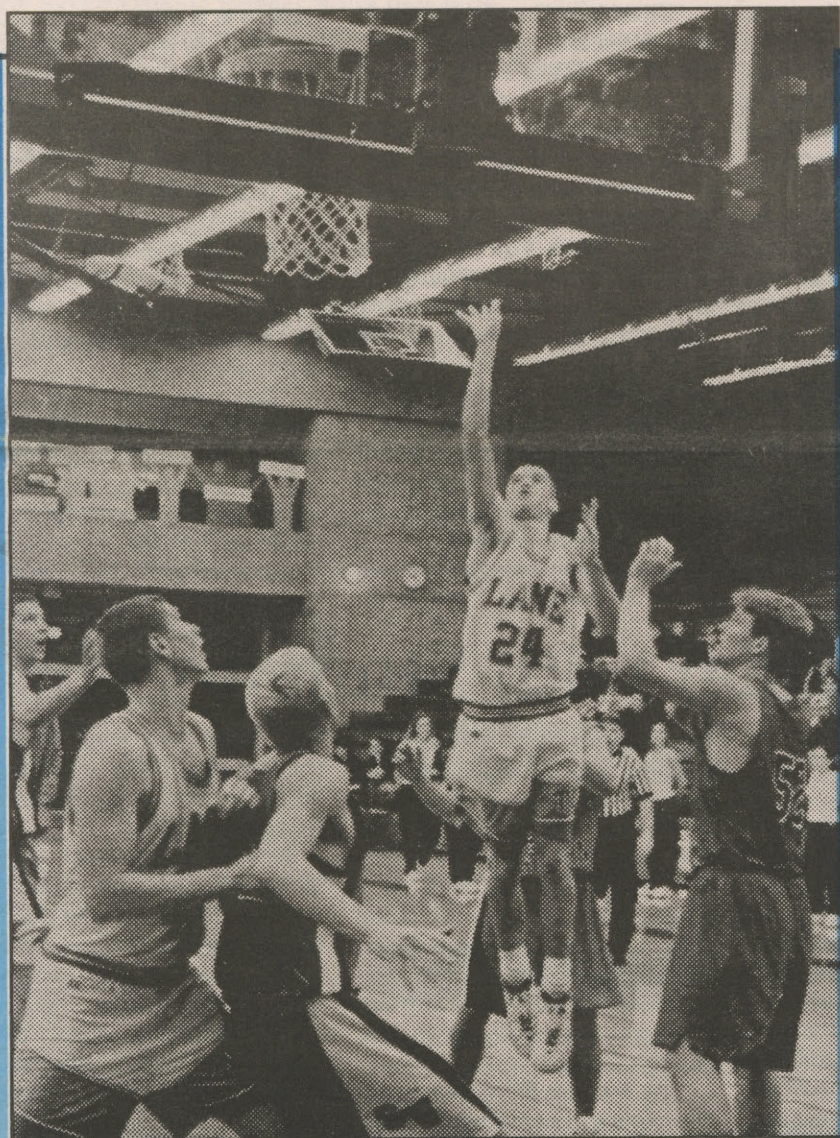


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Hey! Where'd the ball go?

The backboard obscures this shot by LCC's Andrew Brogden in a game against SWOCC, which the Titans won 55-51. See a full report on men's and women's basketball, **page 6**.

## Student questions OSPIRG's rule

**Judy L. Sierra**  
Managing Editor

Only a small, select group of Oregon Students Public Interest Research Group members is entitled to examine financial statements of the grassroots activist organization, say state leaders.

That recent clarification in policy about membership led to what one LCC student — *Torch* reporter John Dreiling — calls a "roller-coaster change of course" in his attempts to gain full access to OSPIRG's financial records.

As a student who must pay a manda-

tory fee to fund OSPIRG, Dreiling believes he is entitled access to the organization's records, which include expenditures. OSPIRG spokespeople disagree, and state they have complied with Dreiling's requests as they understood them.

Students voted in the 1996 ASLCC general election to sponsor OSPIRG through student fees. Currently, each LCC student contributes \$2.25 per term.

The college collects and sends the revenue — estimated at \$50,000 yearly — to the state office in Portland. The organiza-

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## Cafeteria staff cooking up changes to better serve LCC

Dan Ball  
The Torch

Student complaints about prices and services in the LCC cafeteria and snack bar are receiving attention from all parties involved.

"We met with ASLCC last term, and had dialogue to address several issues (of our services)," says Joe Luker, manager of Foodservices. "Part of the discussion led to the reduction the fountain beverage prices, and to offer weekly specials."

"When we met with Foodservices last term, together we (ASLCC & Foodservices) made a questionnaire (about 10 questions) that were distributed to students, sort of a way to 'grade' Foodservices," says Daniel Armanino, ASLCC president. "When the questionnaires come back, we'll sit down with Foodservices, and discuss where to go from there."

"We still have some concerns, mainly about the quarterly price hike," says Armanino. "We've been negotiating with them since last year, and they have made some progress, such as the vegetarian bar and trying to make food more diverse."

One example of some of the price changes, that went into effect at the beginning of winter term, at the Taco Time Express is: the old price for a Soft Flour Taco: was \$1.50 and it's now \$1.85. The street price for this item is \$1.99 (a seven percent difference). Everything else only rose by a few cents. Some items remained the same price, such as the Taco salad and the Veggie Burrito to name a few.

"There are several factors that we consider when we are deciding what to price the food items," says Luker. "We compare prices

of other colleges, restaurants and fast food places; we consider the costs of the raw material to make the foods, the labor of our workers, and other expenses as well as the needs of the students and staff.

"We try to set the prices as low as we can to cover our costs, operating within the institutional legal guidelines."

While Foodservices is a college operation, the cafeteria is a "stand-alone" business, adds Luker. It doesn't receive funding from tuition and fees that students pay. The prices of food items rise because of several factors, says Luker:

- The minimum wage went up 9 percent on Jan. 1, which affects what Food Services pays their student workers
- The fees for the licenses increase

- The prices for the raw commercial materials rise

Foodservices has to pass along the increases in order to cover the costs, Luker adds.

Despite the complaints, Luker stresses that Foodservices works hard to satisfy the students and staff.

"We work in collaboration with our staff, comments from students, and items that have been popular over history. We prepare the foods fresh, from scratch. Foodservices made an emphasis not to make food from a can. We spend a lot of time monitoring the quality of the raw goods and choose the best that we find."

"It's a lot of hard work for the chefs to make the meals that they serve, considering that our facilities are 30 years old. We hope to find creative ways to upgrade and improve our facilities," says Luker.

## COMING TO AMERICA

### Spilde has settled into her 'new' home

John Dreiling  
Lead Writer

"A rite of passage." This is how Mary Spilde, then newly married, vice president for Instruction and Student Services, explains why she moved from her native Scotland to the United States.

Spilde moved to the United States in 1976 with her husband, an American citizen. She now has two children, a 14 year-old son, and a nine year-old daughter.

#### Expectations

"The sort of stereotype of Americans, at least then, was that everybody (in America) had money. Sort of loud— loud in dress, loud in voice, you know— because many of the people that we saw were tourists, you know, with multiple cameras and plaid jackets. That kind of stereotype," says Spilde.

"I didn't know a whole lot of Americans at that time, but certainly, my husband didn't fit into that sort of stereotype at all. He's very quiet, so I don't really know what I expected, to tell you the truth. I realized quickly that not everybody has money."

"But I don't know that I had a particular set of expectations. I do think, and I still think, that here there is more opportunity to sort of make a life if you want to do that."



photo by Bobbette Chichmanian

**Mary Spilde moved to the U.S. in 1976 from Scotland. She misses having a "decent" newspaper to read.**

#### Culture Shock

Spilde says that one of the things she missed after coming to the United States was a "decent newspaper."

"There's an insularity about the United States that you don't get when you live in a very small country. Because when you live in a small country, you're looking out at the rest of the world, and, you know, trying to figure out what's going on."

"But when you're a huge country, like the States, and sort of one of the world's leading countries, I guess you would say, at least I guess that's how we think of ourselves, I think there's not as much interest in what's going on in the rest of the world. So I kind of missed having that international focus."

#### Going Home

Spilde was raised in a small town, 20 miles north of Edin-

burgh. She says that Scotland is much like Oregon in its geography, "sort of rolling hills, rivers, lakes, although we call them 'lochs.'"

She continues to hold her citizenship in Scotland, but says that she will likely remain in the United States. She telephones her family in Scotland each Sunday and tries to visit once each year.

She visited her native home this past holiday break:

"This time we went to St. Andrews, just on a trip. We, you know, went out for tea. It's right on the coast. And we walked down there, and it was real windy and cold."

"And there was a palace, and a graveyard all around it. So we wandered through the graveyard, and we were trying to find, you know, the oldest gravestone we could find. 1461. I mean, you could hardly read the writing. The history is all around you."

## Life is easier with Students First!

Victor Runyan  
Staff Writer

Students First! is LCC's answer to the age old new student problem of "I have to go where to do what?"

College planners want to help students get basic administrative services more quickly and from one location. They also want to take full advantage of modern computer technology and the Internet to help students gain access to information on their own.

"It's a place and a virtual concept," says Linda DeWitt, implementation coordinator.

To phase in Students First! will set up a temporary facility in the Center Building in early March, says Kay Malmberg, another implementation coordina-

tor. This facility will be housed on the second floor of the Center Building where the reception for Counseling is now located. It will take over reception duties for Counseling as well as a myriad other tasks — providing various referral services, financial aid information, college related paper work turn-in, and financial transactions — like paying of bills.

The Students First! team wants the center to conduct as much student business as possible with the least number of referrals as possible, says Malmberg. The Students First! Center — as it is tentatively called — will absorb more and more student administrative tasks currently spread over various locations around the col-

lege. The college plans to cross-train its employees to be knowledgeable about most student related procedures.

Eventually Students First!, along with other student services, will be housed in a new building that will be built with money from the LCC bond measure which voters approved in May 1995. Until then, it will rearrange space usage in the Center Building. The details of these rearrangement aren't available because they haven't been worked out, says DeWitt.

Another part of Students First! will be on-line components. The LCC website, for example, will provide information for applying to LCC for Financial Aid. The college intends to add more student help content to its site. LCC may also allow students to access their personal information on LCC's web site, like financial transactions with the college, financial aid information, and grades, says DeWitt.

Students First! began in early 1996 as an effort to redesign the admissions and administrative process. The college considered several recommendations. Of these it selected six for accelerated implementation. Students First! is the first of these to come to maturity.

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# News

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choose to have an abortion, you really can't mourn out loud."

As different as each situation is, women respond to abortions in different ways. Paula McGuerty, an LCC student, had an abortion in 1967.

She was 17-years old and admits, "Just like many women today, I didn't really connect my sexuality with pregnancy."

"Birth control had only really been legal since 1962, and only for married women, so I didn't know anything about it."

At first, McGuerty says she didn't realize she was pregnant — that missing her period was no big deal — but her mother noticed McGuerty's breasts were swelling and took her to a doctor. She also received comfort from other family members.

"My sister was so helpful. I knew I couldn't deal with being pregnant or becoming a mother. I was abusing substances, was very young, and had a lot going on."

"So my sister and her friend drove me from Los Angeles to Juarez, Mexico. It was illegal in Mexico, so we were really taking a big risk. We drove two days

through the worst snowstorm in the southwest.

McGuerty describes her undercover method to attain the abortion.

When they got to the hotel in Mexico they had to take a taxi to a bullring to await the contact person for the procedure.

Her sister had to hold a flower, and then a Mexican man with a newspaper under his arm

as he found out she was pregnant, he fired her. She was going to go through the procedure without anesthesia — to punish herself."

McGuerty remembers all the clinical workers wanted was the money.

"My sister pulled the \$400 out of her bra, then they gave me Sodium Pentothal. The next thing I knew, I woke up in another room."

"They loaded us in a taxi with the married couple to get us across the border. We were stopped at the border and a guard asked where I was from. I was still out of it from the anesthesia, and couldn't really answer, so my sister spoke up."

Then, McGuerty says the guard pulled her out of the car and she threw up. "Everyone in the cab knew if they suspected what we'd done, we'd be busted. The guard said I was just too drunk, and pushed me back in."

She says she never has doubts that she did the right thing.

"I'm fine with this. I regret that we had to go through such an ordeal, but I don't regret hav-

ing the abortion."

"We all have regrets about choices we've made — I regret the abusive relationship I was in with my second husband and that I didn't have the tools to deal with the situation."

But I've never regretted having the abortion."

McGuerty's opinion of the matter of opinion is settled, but she is still impacted by the whole ordeal.

"What stays with me is the secrecy, danger, shame and potential legal punishment. I think about what I put my sister through to help me."

"What affected me was the secretary who thought she deserved to be punished further. The couple sitting there because they couldn't afford a child."

"The experience, as hard as it was back then, connected me

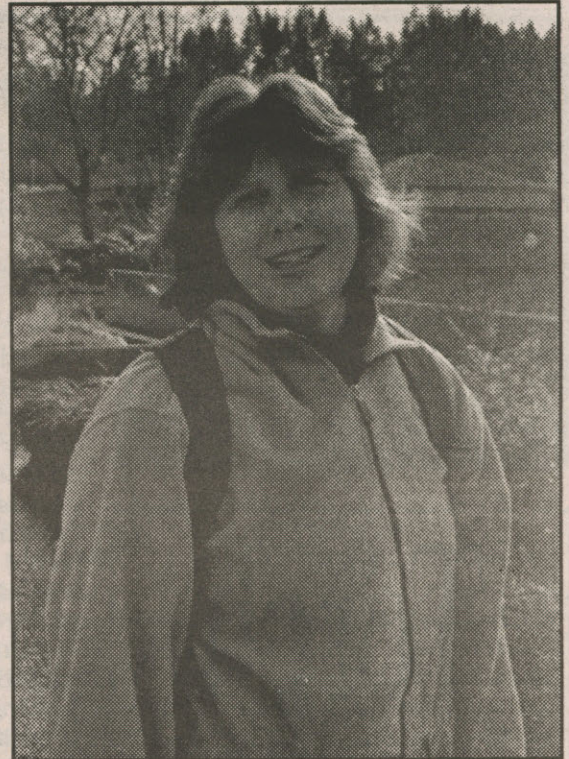


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**LCC student Paula McGuerty had to travel to Mexico for an abortion in 1967, six years before the Roe vs. Wade decision made the procedure legal in the U.S.**

with a larger world. Sitting with those women opened my eyes."

McGuerty says women need to have control over their own bodies. They don't need to have men screaming in picket lines, blocking abortion clinics, telling them what to do.

"What I'm passionate about is this has to stay a viable choice," she says.

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tion also has chapters at Lewis and Clark College, and the UO.

Dreiling, researching a story on the group's expenditures, says that on Jan. 20 he received a phone message from Glenda Marshall, Board of Directors Chair for OSPIRG, inviting him to visit OSPIRG headquarters in Portland to get information he had repeatedly requested.

At a Jan. 21 OSPIRG general meeting on LCC's campus, Dreiling says he spoke in person with Marshall and Seth Levin, OSPIRG campus program director. Both confirmed the invitation to obtain financial information from the Portland office, Dreiling states.

When Dreiling met with Marshall on Jan. 22 to finalize plans, however, he was told that he could not, after all, get any documents in Portland.

Marshall told *The Torch* in a phone interview that she misunderstood what Levin had been telling her about OSPIRG membership. She clarified the guidelines in a follow-up interview.

"The only legal members OSPIRG has, the one's who make legally-binding statewide decision's about the organization, are the elected members of the Board of Directors."

Dreiling's interest in OSPIRG's money matters began at an Oct. 13 ASLCC meeting, when the student government asked for budget in-

formation. OSPIRG refused, and ASLCC did not pursue its request.

Dreiling went to OSPIRG's campus office to follow up on the story. Brenda Barron, OSPIRG campus organizer, told him he was ineligible to have the budget documents, says Dreiling.

Dreiling then submitted a request in writing for the budget, arguing that Oregon Records Law entitles him to the information, since OSPIRG is a government-funded organization.

In a meeting two days later, Barron and Levin showed

Dreiling a copy of a general, statewide budget, but asked him not to quote specific numbers.

Dreiling continued to pursue OSPIRG's full financial statements, now necessary for his second story, he adds. Dreiling's two written requests to the Portland office, citing Oregon Revised Statutes regarding non-profit organizations and membership qualifications, were again denied.

Maureen Kirk, executive director of OSPIRG in Portland, responded in writing to Dreiling's Nov. 11 request.

"The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group does not have official 'members' beyond those students elected to serve on

the Board of Directors," she wrote.

But Dreiling, after consulting with a local attorney, claims this policy is contrary to Oregon law. Dreiling's interpretation of the state statute defines a "member" of

**"It's been made clear to John several times what it takes to become a member of OSPIRG. We don't make (financial statements) available to anyone except board members."**

a non-profit organization as someone who is eligible to vote for the director or board of directors — in other words, OSPIRG-dues-paying students.

In addition, Dreiling believes Oregon statutes require non-profit organizations to provide access to financial information to its members.

"It appears that non-profit organizations are required to keep documents, budgets, and by-laws," and that members of the organization have access to the material, he states.

Marshall disagrees with Dreiling's claim, however.

"It's been made clear to John several times what it takes to be-

come a member of OSPIRG," she says. "We don't make (financial statements) available to anyone except board members."

Danny Armanino, ASLCC president, says, "I support both John Dreiling and OSPIRG and will continue until legal proceedings take place which can show us a clear guide — then we will continue to negotiate fair discussions over public disbursement of OSPIRG's budget."

"The (ASLCC) attorney cannot tell us whether OSPIRG is working within the law, and until then we will not take any action. John and OSPIRG have both talked with the (ASLCC) attorney who is looking into it, and ASLCC will support whatever findings he comes up with."

Dreiling plans to continue pursuing the financial information.

"*The Torch* has an obligation to report objectively about issues which are happening at LCC and affect students," he says. "As part of that obligation, *The Torch* acts as a 'watch dog,' critically examining all organizations and other entities on campus, just as OSPIRG acts as a 'watchdog' over organizations regarding environmental and consumer issues."

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## Too many \$\$\$, not enough sense in NFL deal

Super Bowl XXXII is in the books — Denver beat Green Bay XXXI to XXIV, in case you weren't aware — and as in all sports, there was a clear winner and a definite loser. Right?

Well, that depends on one's perspective.

Yes, Denver quarterback John Elway, by snaring his first title ring after three failures, can now throw King Kong off his back. Broncos' running back Terrell Davis racked up three rushing touchdowns, then added an extra point by scoring the MVP trophy.

On the other side, Packers' signal-caller Brett Favre has to make do with fondling his ring from last year's game. In addition, the crowning of Green Bay as a "dynasty" was obviously premature.

So why might we find both teams — indeed, the entire NFL — skipping and giggling like schoolgirls, all the way to the piggy bank?

Six words: mo' money, mo' money, mo' money.

In one of those moves that makes a sane person question society's sanity, the league recently announced its new multi-billion dollar television deal with the networks ABC, CBS and ESPN. (This Super Bowl represented the last professional football game NBC will televise until at least 2006. Everyone at once now: "Aawwww.")

Under the new contract, which begins Feb. 1, the league's previous

income of \$1.1 billion per year from the tube increases to \$2.2 billion a season. Damn, that's a lot of jockstraps.

Consider this amount of cash for a moment. That's two point two, and then eight zeroes. The only time I see that many

zeroes in a money matter is when I'm filling out the "Assets," "Stocks/Bonds" and "Savings Account" sections on my financial aid form.

Doesn't this exorbitant agreement bewilder you? Can someone even begin to explain the rationale behind such excess and greed? Have we all gone mad, letting these numbers pass by without even a whisper of complaint? Is anyone out there listening?

What really rankles me is the arrogance athletes have regarding their worth in society. With these new deals, the salary cap — a limit of how much each team can spend yearly on salaries — will increase from about \$42 million to \$49 million. (There are approximately 50 players to a team.)

The extra seven-and-six-zeroes has certain individuals believing they are due a decent chunk of the dough. Players are crying out, "Hallelujah! It's about time! Now, give me what's mine!"

St. Louis Rams' cornerback Ryan McNeil, who pulled down \$1.2 million in 1997 and is now a free agent, is asking for \$4 million to play next year. Star

quarterbacks — such as Favre and Elway — are staring at \$10 million in compensation, according to a Jan. 26 *Sports Illustrated* article.

"In the last few days, people have told me I'm lucky," McNeil is quoted in the *SI* article. "But I put my career on the line and backed it up with a good season. I knew I could make what I felt was my real market value in 1998."

Lucky? These guys must have kissed the Blarney Stone while standing in a field of four-leaf clovers and rubbing rabbit's feet just as the end of a rainbow touched down at their shoes.

It makes me want to puke when I consider the underlying injustice here: A football player gets millions in pay, while teachers scrounge for every penny they can get.

A very big something is wrong with this picture.

Don't try to counter with that crap about free enterprise, corporate rights, yadda, yadda, yadda. Take your ism down to the local schoolyard, and explain to little Johnny why his science textbook is out-of-date, but Joe Noneck has two 1998 Lexuses parked in the mansion garage.

I'll step down from my soapbox now, but there's an image I just can't get out of my mind.

In the movie "Network," Peter Finch's character urges viewers to stick their heads out the window and scream, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore."

Too bad life doesn't imitate art.

## COMMENTARY

by Jack Clifford  
Torch Editor

## Clinton scandal: America holds its breath

I have been asked, as a political science instructor and perennial student of politics and government, to respond to the latest scandal surrounding President Bill Clinton.

I should begin by making a few disclaimers: First, I don't pretend to be an expert on matters of law or on matters of ethics. Second, as I put the finishing touches on this commentary

(the morning of Jan. 27), it may very likely turn out that events or disclosures between now and the time that you read this will produce different outcomes than the ones I speculate upon today.

That being said, I will

attempt to shed some light on last week's events, look at the question of how serious they may be, from both a legal and political perspective, and speculate on why this may have happened.

If public opinion polls are to be believed, it appears that the majority of Americans have always had some question regarding the character and integrity of the president, particularly as it has related to past sexual indiscretions.

Despite that assessment, he was

elected in 1992 largely because he offered what most people felt were the best positions on the political and economic challenges that faced us. He was re-elected in 1996, again despite his opponents' relentless attacks on his character, largely because people felt that the economy and the nation as a whole were on the "right track," and therefore why "change horses in mid-stream."

What makes these most recent allegations of sexual misconduct more serious, from a legal perspective is that the president and one of his closest friends, lawyer Vernon Jordan, are being implicated (although not yet charged) with possible felonious crimes.

The allegations include an attempt to suborn perjury—coercing Monica Lewinsky to lie in a sworn affidavit regarding her alleged relationship with the President—and obstructing justice.

And while the American people may tolerate the appearance of sexual impropriety on the part of a president with whom they agree on a policy level, there are increasing indications that they will not be supportive of him if it turns out that he clearly violated the law. In fact, a recent poll showed that nearly half the respondents believed that impeachment proceedings should

begin now.

Currently, chief investigator Kenneth Starr is seeking to obtain testimony from Monica Lewinsky that would implicate the president in these matters. Ms. Lewinsky's attorney is seeking immunity from prosecution for his client in exchange for her testimony.

They are currently at a stalemate on this issue, but this is a common "dance" that occurs in legal bargaining. She had been scheduled to testify in the Paula Jones case Jan. 23, but the judge

postponed her testimony indefinitely.

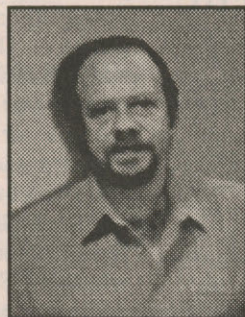
In the meantime, Starr's team is poring over the 20 hours of conversation taped by Ms. Lewinsky's "friend," Linda Tripp, in which she (Ms. Lewinsky) allegedly describes her affair with the president.

Regardless of the legal outcome of these events, the president is politically damaged, perhaps irreparably.

As a "lame duck" president with a Congress controlled by the opposition party, any policy initiatives planned by the president are in serious jeopardy. He has lost much credibility and effectiveness and that, in my opinion, is where the real tragedy lies.

If the allegations leveled against him

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Opinion by  
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# Shed light on pesticide issue, and give people the choice

Last week, newspapers were covered with articles and opinions about abortion and the issue of choice, including three in *The Torch*.

One thing I observed from the coverage is that everyone has an opinion about the issue, because it is highly debated and publicized. People know about it.

There are so many problems in society that affect us daily which are rarely discussed, because we just don't know a problem exists. For example, 2 billion pounds of pesticides are applied annually in the U.S.

The public doesn't think this is a problem, because we don't know we are exposed to them..

We do not even have the right to know where, when, and in what quantities pesticides are used.

Simply, pesticides are poisons.

They are the only class of toxic chemicals that are deliberately released into the environment to kill living organisms. It is no surprise that exposure to pesticides has been linked to long term health problems such as cancer, neurotoxicity, and reproductive disorders.

Children are most affected by this problem. A study in 1995 showed that children whose yards were sprayed with pesticides were more likely to have soft tissue cancer than children whose yards were not. Now estimates show that 1 in 600

children face a risk of contracting cancer by age 10.

Do you know if you were exposed as a child? Is your child exposed at school? On the playground? These are questions

we should be asking and we should know the answers.

Unfortunately, there are no cur-

rent laws requiring the reporting of pesticides. Therefore, acquiring this information is virtually impossible.

In such a hi-tech media world, it is not acceptable that an issue as critical as human and environmental health is kept in the dark. We need the right to know, so we can take the debate to the issue of choice.

Until we have pesticide use information, we cannot make informed decisions to protect public health, water quality and wildlife. An obvious solution is to raise public awareness and encourage our decision-makers to enact right to know regulations.

In the past three weeks, 750 LCC students have taken the first step and signed a postcard to Governor Kitzhaber. OSPIRG's Pesticides Awareness Campaign focuses on strengthening the grassroots support and educating the community.

Everyone is encouraged and needed to take the next step, whether it's volunteering for an hour or receiving course credit by doing an internship.

## COMMENTARY

by Merriah Fairchild  
For OSPIRG

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serious ever developed between a student and her work supervisor, but Candee chose to discontinue placements at that worksite anyway. A second potential case of possible sexual harassment was resolved as a misunderstanding between student and supervisor.

Candee adds that in seven years as coordinator, those are the only allegations of possible misconduct he's encountered.

"I don't think (the Clinton-Lewinsky) incident is indicative of a whole-scale problem out there," he says. "Internships are too valuable to let something like this derail them."

Kate Barry, director of LCC's Women's Center, points out that although students are made aware of their rights through other means, taking another step might be appropriate.

"There's information on campus generally available about what to do if you're in a situation of sexual harassment," says Barry, who also serves on a team that handles and investigates LCC's sexual harassment complaints.

"It is certainly something I would maybe look at in terms of

'Let's look at the information that co-op students are getting.' Then let's see whether they need even a little paragraph that says, 'If you experience this, here's the person to contact.' It's just one more arena where you want to make sure the student has accurate information about what to do."

Candee and Barry encourage students to discuss any problems they have with advisers or Cooperative Education personnel. Candee even advises students to "document it. Write everything down, in every detail, just to keep a record."

Candee questions, however, whether too much information can sway a person's perception.

"I think sometimes the pro-active approach creates a possibility of interpreting things that may not be the case," he says. "It speaks to a larger societal problem. I sometimes refer to the way we have evolved as a culture as moving into 'The Era of Victims.'"

"This whole area can be such a quagmire."

Barry admits to being "disturbed by the kind of feeding frenzy that the media go into on this sort of issue." And she adds

that Lewinsky has to endure as much scrutiny as Clinton, "which is as destructive to the alleged victim as it is to the office of the presidency."

Candee concurs on this point. "Women's groups are right on the money in defining the problem—not one of sex, but as a problem of power."

Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group internship coordinator Brenda Barron says she works to nip in the bud any potential problems with the entire issue.

"The way our program is run, I am very up-front with the students from the beginning," she says. "I focus on what the requirements are to establishing the working relationship."

"By always tracking and contacting and having conversations with (OSPIRG interns), those problems are prevented before they arise because I've established an open line of communication."

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prove to be true, the impact of his "betrayal" goes far beyond those immediately affected: his wife and family; the women who have been the objects and recipients of what has been described as his "overactive libido"; and his friends and colleagues.

It is, moreover, ultimately a betrayal of the American people, particularly those who have applauded his political decisions and policies. Even more tragically, from my perspective, it further erodes faith, trust and confidence in our political and governmental system, adding to the growing level of cynicism in this country, and giving added ammunition to those already alienated and disgusted by what they see and hear emanating from Washington.

Many questions have been raised: How could Clinton be so *stupid*? How could he let himself engage in this behavior after having barely survived the Gennifer Flowers episode and while the Paula Jones trial is proceeding apace?

Others, still supportive of the president, suggest that his enemies, of whom he has many, have concocted this whole affair (excuse the pun) to at least embarrass him, if not bring down his presidency (Keep in mind that the credibility of Linda Tripp is being questioned as is that of Ms. Lewinsky.)

And it is certainly true that

throughout his presidency he has been viciously attacked, both personally and politically, by the political right-wing in the country, particularly for his social liberalism. Yet many believe that his own admission last week of his long affair with Gennifer Flowers (previously denied and later only alluded to) cast serious doubt regarding further denials that may come from the president.

If the allegations prove to be true, the answer to the first question as to "why he could have done it" may be found by examining other related scandals, namely those of former presidential candidate Gary Hart and former Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood.

All three men may suffer from the same disease, and it is *not* a compulsive-obsessive sexual disorder.

It is the arrogance that comes as a result of the acquisition of *power*. It is not unique to Washington, but it is certainly found there in abundance.

They engaged in this behavior precisely because they sincerely believed that they could do so without consequence, and even if "caught" could somehow manipulate the outcome. In the end, we may be witness to the first American president to be impeached and convicted.

And if that should come to pass, it will have been *pride*, and not weakness, infirmity nor accident, that came before the fall.

## Eye on the community Newswire

### CORNEL WEST, AUTHOR OF 'RACE MATTERS' SPEAKS AT UO

African-American scholar, theologian and activist Cornel West believes that America needs leaders who can transcend race and strive for fundamental social change for all citizens, regardless of color.

West, a Harvard University professor, shares his thoughts on how to reach that ideal at a free lecture on Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Erb Memorial Union, 1222 E. 13th Ave.

A reception, book sale and book signing follow the lecture. **WOMEN OF COLOR SHARE THEIR STORIES**

The Women of Color Conference will be held Feb. 6 and 7 at the UO. Keynote speaker, Reanae McNeal, is an internationally recognized, award-winning performing artist. She will give a speech Friday evening in the EMU Ballroom after dinner.

Saturday, McNeal will perform her play "Don't Speak My Mother's Name in Vain," an eight character play with singing and dancing about the rape and sexual assault of African American Women.

Workshops will be held both days, with topics ranging from white privilege, women in religion, men as allies and international feminism.

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# Arts and Entertainment

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## One film for the Oscars, one for the trash bin?

A story of relationships, 'Good Will Hunting' succeeds because the characters are real-to-life

Though "Good Will Hunting" has won the Golden Globe Award for best original screenplay, and is directed by Gus Van Sant ("Drugstore Cowboy"), there hasn't been much talk on what the film is actually about.

At first glance, it seems to be a coming of age story about a kid from the wrong side of the tracks. In reality, "Good Will Hunting" is a story of relationships.

Will, played by Matt Damon, is a parolee janitor with a talent for advanced mathematical theory. He's discovered by an MIT professor who arranges to work with him as a condition of his parole.

Will must also agree to be counseled by Sean, a psychology professor played by Robin Williams. Other major characters in the film are: Skylar (Minnie Driver), Will's love-interest and a Harvard pre-med student, and Will's best friend (Ben Affleck).

The interconnecting relationships of Will to his friends, Will to Skylar, the MIT professor to Will, Sean to the professor, and Sean to Will, are beautifully portrayed. They are the true story in this story.

Even though Will is the main character, he's not the only person affected by his decisions. Of course, that's how real life works. Which is the overriding theme of this film.

Every element in "Good Will Hunting", from the close wide-angle and sweeping overhead shots, to the unexpectedly effortless humor, to the simple yet poignant score, contributes to the sense of realism.

These characters are real people with real relationships, and real problems. Everything about them is believable, making this a very powerful film.

"Good Will Hunting" is rated R for strong language, but I'd recommend it to anyone who can appreciate a film without high speed chases, explosions, or overblown special effects.

It's a wonderfully welcome surprise. "Good Will Hunting" is now showing at Cinema World (call 342-6536 for ticket prices and showtimes), and Movies 12 (741-1231).



Too much juvenile humor wrecks this long pot joke gone bad; cameo casting almost saves it from being a waste

"Half-Baked" is exactly that.

It's a film about three friends who sell marijuana to raise bail for a fourth friend, in jail for accidentally killing a New York City police horse.

Thurgood — played by screenwriter David Chappelle — and his buddies Scarface, Brian, and Kenny,

have been smoking pot together since the ninth grade. When Kenny is arrested after feeding "munchies" to a diabetic horse, the others decide to steal pot from the pharmaceutical company where Thurgood works and go into business in order to raise his million dollar bail.

"Half-Baked" has some mildly funny pot-head jokes, like a smoking device named "Billy Bong Thorton." For the most part though, the humor seems stale. The cameo appearances might have saved this

film, however, because the casting in those roles is great.

Tommy Chong is "the squirrel master," Kenny's jail-mate and fellow pothead. Clarence Williams III portrays "Samson," an over-the-top drug kingpin complete with James Bond style female bodyguards. Comedian Stephen Wright is "The guy on the couch." He basically sleeps through the whole movie.

The descriptions of various types of smokers is also amusing. The "Only Creative when High" smoker — played by Janeanne Garofalo — writes pot-induced poetry. Willie Nelson appears as the "You Should've Been There When" smoker. Former MTV host, Jon Stewart appears as "The Enhancement" smoker (Everything is "better on pot").

Despite the great cameo-casting, I can't really recommend "Half-Baked." The jokes are grade-school caliber and it's just not worth the ticket price.

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